

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-089-C - ORDER NO. 98-742
SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

IN RE: Request of ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. for) ORDER ✓ MR
Approval of Revisions to its General)
Subscriber Service Tariff to Eliminate its)
Public and Semi-Public Telephone Services)
and to Establish an Access Line to Support)
Instrument Implemented Smart Payphones)
and an Access Line that Utilizes Central)
Office Provided Coin Services.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion for a Declaratory Ruling filed by ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. (ALLTEL).

ALLTEL notes that on May 22, 1997, this Commission issued its Order No. 97-451 in Docket No. 97-190-C, which contained the following language:

For all LRC's who are members of SCTC whose rate is based on a percentage of the B-1 Rate plus a message charge, or if the rate is flat-rated at one and a half (1 1/2) times the B-1 Rate or less, the Motions of SCPCA must be denied, and said tariff approved.

ALLTEL notes that it is a member of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC). Based on the Order of May 22, 1997, ALLTEL states its belief that its proposed tariff is in conformance with the requirements of this Commission, and that no further hearing or inquiry is necessary on ALLTEL's request for approval of revisions to its General Subscriber Service Tariff relating to elimination of its Public and Semi-Public Telephone

Services and the establishment of access lines for Smart Phone and Central Office Provided Coin Services. ALLTEL prays for an Order declaring that its tariff as filed meets the requirements of the Commission, and that no hearing or further inquiry is necessary.

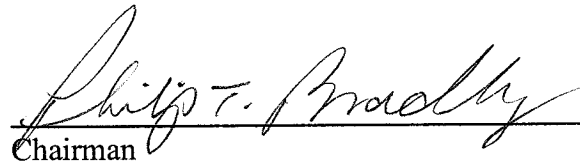
SCPCA (the South Carolina Public Communications Association) filed a Return in opposition to ALLTEL's Motion.

We would note that ALLTEL recently modified its tariff to eliminate a \$50 flat rate option for measured/message service, which would bring ALLTEL's tariff in compliance with the Commission's rate standard set out in the May 22, 1997 Order.

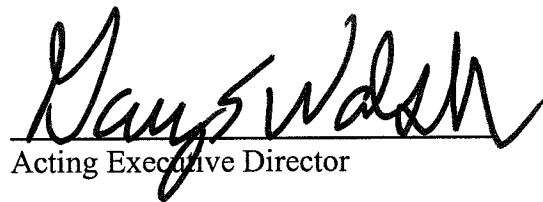
We have examined the entire record in this case, including the materials cited by SCPCA, and hold that ALLTEL's Motion should be granted, and its tariff revisions approved. It is clear that ALLTEL's proposed tariff shows that the proposed rate is in conformance with the Commission's rate standard set out in the May 22, 1997 Order. For this reason, we hold that no further inquiry is necessary, and that the proposed tariff must be approved. The Motion is granted and the tariff is approved.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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